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DRY BEAN PRODUCTION

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DOWN IN 1968

CURRENT SERIAL RECORDS

The 1968 dry bean production in 33 reporting countries is forecast at 113.6 million cwt., down 12.6 percent from the 1967 total of 129.9 million cwt. but 5 percent above the 1960-64 average of 108.2 million.

The major decline occurred in Brazil where 1968 production is forecast at 39.7 million cwt. compared with the 1967 revised figure of 56.3 million. Chile and Argentina both reported lower crops because of adverse weather conditions. Consequently, their exportable surpluses will be smaller.

Yugoslavia's crop is estimated at 3.9 million cwt. compared with 4.4 million in 1967. All other reporting European countries reported decreased production, mainly due to the continuing downtrend in acreage planted.

Asian and African reporting countries show decreases of lesser magnitude than South America and Europe. One notable exception is the Malagasy Republic, a major exporter of lima beans, which reports a production of 1.0 million cwt. compared with 0.8 million in 1967.

Canada's crop is estimated at 1.0 million cwt. compared with 0.9 the previous year and an average of 0.8 million cwt. in 1960-64.

Dry bean production in the U.S. amounted to 17,676 thousand cwt., up 16 percent from the small crop of 15,177 thousand in 1967. Production of Pea (Navy) beans, the leading U.S. commercial class, totaled 5,964 thousand cwt. up nearly 25 percent from the 4,787 thousand in 1967 which was the smallest crop in 10 years. Among other important classes, production of pintos and red kidneys was up, but Great Northern output was down by 15 percent.

BEANS, DRY EDIBLE ^{1/} : Acreage, yield and production in specified countries, average 1960-64, annual 1967 and 1968

Continent and country	Acreage			Yield per acre			Production		
	Average 1960-64	1967	1968 ^{2/}	Average 1960-64	1967	1968	Average 1960-64	1967	1968 ^{2/}
	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	1,000 acres				1,000 cwt.	1,000 cwt.	1,000 cwt.
North America:									
Canada	68	86	91	1,248	1,002	1,068	849	861	973
Costa Rica	113	93	100	333	323	350	375	300	350
Dominican Republic	49	70	65	990	787	780	486	551	507
El Salvador	61	70	75	477	551	551	291	385	419
Guatemala	140	221	265	797	688	574	762	1,521	1,521
Honduras	237	278	304	394	400	400	934	1,114	1,217
Mexico	4,133	5,538	5,580	367	401	400	15,176	22,227	22,355
Nicaragua	108	129	150	661	650	650	668	838	970
Panama Republic	52	44	58	238	295	295	124	130	170
United States	1,397	1,211	1,453	1,323	1,253	1,217	18,476	15,177	17,676
Total	6,358	7,740	8,141	600	557	567	38,141	43,104	46,158
South America:									
Argentina	69	71	95	936	848	551	646	602	504
Brazil	6,904	9,022	8,650	580	624	560	40,036	56,305	39,683
Chile	227	169	138	875	1,170	1,080	1,987	1,979	1,502
Colombia	262	250	260	497	523	527	1,301	1,170	1,216
Peru	102	130	115	883	837	837	901	1,088	968
Venezuela	237	235	235	443	473	506	1,049	1,112	1,188
Total	7,801	9,877	9,493	589	573	475	45,920	62,256	45,061
Europe:									
Belgium-Luxembourg	1	2	1	2,213	2,767	2,185	21	48	25
France	190	108	99	935	1,018	1,052	1,777	1,102	1,045
Germany, West	4	3	3	1,861	2,406	2,285	80	71	58
Greece ^{3/}	124	115	101	1,014	1,284	1,328	1,259	1,475	1,339
Italy	845	630	430	488	609	790	4,125	3,836	3,395
Netherlands	7	11	7	2,388	2,771	2,770	168	293	188
Portugal	1,014	1,003	954	131	109	103	1,337	1,095	985
Spain	258	225	220	1,140	1,137	1,133	2,937	2,557	2,491
Sweden	3	3	3	634	1,265	1,115	42	34	30
Yugoslavia ^{3/}	530	502	468	757	874	829	4,014	4,387	3,880
Total	2,976	2,602	2,286	530	993	588	15,760	14,898	13,436
Asia:									
Japan	220	197	169	1,175	1,341	1,448	2,586	2,641	2,447
Lebanon	4	3	3	1,047	1,102	787	39	31	22
Syria	3	4	5	931	1,300	1,200	32	52	66
Turkey	281	269	266	1,084	1,162	1,139	3,046	3,120	3,031
Total	508	473	443	1,123	1,236	1,256	5,703	5,844	5,566
Africa:									
Angola	190	295	295	410	475	475	775	1,400	1,400
Malagasy Republic	107	140	138	780	565	749	838	794	1,036
South Africa, Rep. of ...	200	210	210	500	770	450	1,016	1,619	950
Total	497	645	643	529	591	527	2,629	3,813	3,386
Grand Total	18,140	21,337	21,006	596	609	541	108,153	129,915	113,607

^{1/} Includes generally all beans of the species "phaseolus vulgaris" (haricot or kidney-shaped beans) and "phaseolus lunatus" (lima beans). ^{2/} Preliminary. ^{3/} Much of the production is from beans interplanted with another crop. Yields are computed from data for beans grown alone. Areas shown are grown-alone-equivalent areas computed by dividing total production by the grown-alone yield.

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